

REALISTIC FICTION

Suggested Reading List

*First in a Series



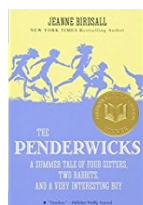
Juv Fiction ANDERSON J POSTED

When cell phones are banned, students start communicating through sticky notes left all over the school, triggering a wave of bullying.



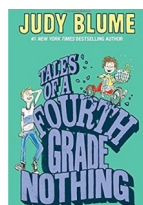
Juv Fiction APPELGATE K WISHTREE

A red oak tree and a crow help their human neighbors work out their differences in this funny, deep, and warm novel from an unexpected point of view.



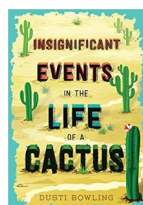
Juv Paperback BIRDSALL J THE PENDERWICKS*

While vacationing in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.



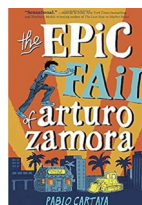
Juv Paperback BLUME J TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING*

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem, but everyone else thinks he's adorable.



Juv Fiction BOWLING D INSIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF A CACTUS

Aven, born armless, adjusts to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state.



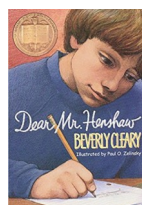
Juv Fiction CARTAYA P THE EPIC FAIL OF ARTURO ZAMORA

When his family's restaurant and Cuban American neighborhood in Miami are threatened by a greedy land developer, thirteen-year-old Arturo fights back.



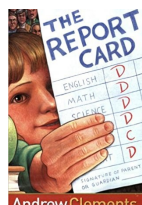
Juv Fiction CHENG J SEE YOU IN THE COSMOS

Alex Petroski, along with his dog, Carl Sagan, makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and records it all on an iPod he intends to launch into space.



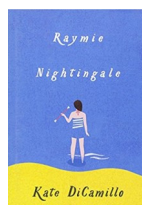
Juv Fiction CLEARY B DEAR MR. HENSHAW

In letters to his favorite author, Leigh reveals his problems coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and finding his place in the world.



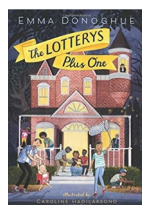
Juv Fiction CLEMENTS A THE REPORT CARD

When Nora comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.



Juv Fiction DICAMILLO K RAYMIE NIGHTINGALE

Hoping to convince her father to come home by winning a local pageant, Raymie practices twirling a baton as she is drawn into unlikely friendships.



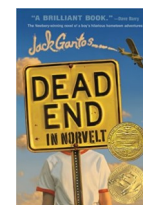
Juv Fiction DONOGHUE E THE LOTTERYS PLUS ONE

Four adults and seven children live together in harmony at the Lotterys—but change is inevitable, especially when a disagreeable grandfather comes to stay.



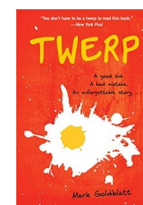
Juv Fiction ERSKINE K MOCKINGBIRD

Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school.



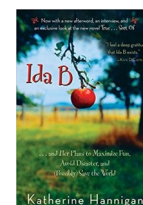
Juv Paperback GANTOS J DEAD END IN NORVELT*

Jack accompanies his elderly mentor, Miss Volker, on an adventure involving cookies, Eleanor Roosevelt, a dancing plague, Hells Angels...and possibly murder.



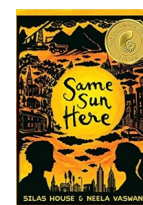
Juv Fiction GOLDBLATT M TWERP

Julian Twerski writes a journal for his English teacher in which he explores his friendships, a new student, and especially an incident of bullying.



Juv Paperback HANNIGAN K IDA B

Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must send her to public school.



Juv Fiction HOUSE S SAME SUN HERE

A twelve-year-old Indian immigrant in New York City and a Kentucky coal miner's son become pen pals and eventually best friends.



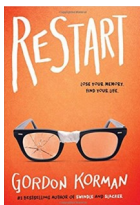
Juv Fiction KELLY E HELLO, UNIVERSE

The lives of four misfits intertwine when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together to rescue him.



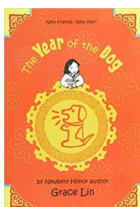
Juv Fiction KHAN H
AMINA'S VOICE

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's culture while blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.



Juv Fiction KORMAN G
RESTART

After falling off a roof, Chase loses all memory of who he is. Can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?



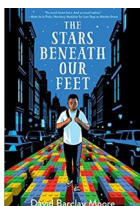
Juv Fiction LIN G
THE YEAR OF THE DOG

A Taiwanese-American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog—making best friends and finding oneself—to her own life.



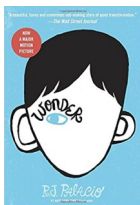
Juv Paperback MASS W
EVERY SOUL A STAR

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of different personal problems.



Juv Fiction MOORE D
THE STARS BENEATH OUR FEET

In the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a LEGO city.



Juv Fiction PALACIO R
WONDER*

Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, Auggie wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his classmates can't get past his unusual face.



Juv Paperback PATERSON K
THE GREAT GILLY HOPKINS

An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.



Juv Fiction PECK R
THE BEST MAN

Archer has four important grown-up role models in his life. Two of them get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.



Juv Fiction PEREZ C
THE FIRST RULE OF PUNK

Malú reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and violates the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic on her first day of 7th grade.



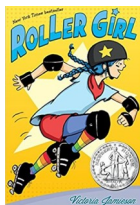
Juv Fiction REYNOLDS J
GHOST*

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down.



Juv Paperback ROCKWELL T
HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS

On his first day at a new school, Billy goes up against the school bully in a challenge that ends up with a total gross-out dare...to eat ten worms in one day.



Juv Graphic Novel ROLLER
ROLLER GIRL

Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. But after Astrid falls in love with roller derby, Nicole decides to go to dance camp instead.



Juv Fiction SLOAN H
COUNTING BY 7s

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people after her parents are killed in a car accident.



Juv Graphic Novel SMILE
SMILE

From sixth grade through tenth, Raina copes with a variety of dental problems that affect her appearance and how she feels about herself.



Juv Paperback SPINELLI J
LOSER

Daniel's classmates consider him strange and a loser, but his optimism and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.



Juv Fiction VIVAT B
FRAZZLED

Nervous about middle school because her family doesn't get her and her friends know exactly what they want to do, Abbie Wu searches for her own passion.



Juv Fiction YOUNG K
HUNDRED PERCENT

For Christine, called Tink, everything in sixth grade seems awkward and just plain wrong—boys, clothes, and especially friendships suddenly make zero sense.



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